

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

# COUNCILER

CHICAGO AREA COUNCIL / HEART OF MID-AMERICA

January 15, 1963



## 48,890 BOY MEMBERS MARKS ROUNDUP SUCCESS

### HERE'S THE DATE . . .



Thomas G. Ayers, Chairman of the Council's One-Day District Campaign, reports to Bryan S. Reid, Jr., General Chairman of the Campaign that all district Campaign Chairmen have been recruited.

### Charter Renewal Reminder

Each Cub pack, Scout troop and Explorer post in the Chicago Area Council is required to be rechartered annually by the National Council, Boy Scouts of America. The charter renewal process gives every unit an opportunity to re-evaluate its strengths and weaknesses, and also allows the sponsoring institution to re-evaluate its Scouting program.

Charter renewal is the ideal time for units to hold their annual 21-point official inspection, when members of the district commissioner's staff will meet with the unit to hold the inspection. Leaders of units scoring at least 15 points will qualify for phase five of the "Do Your Best for America" achievement program.



While the men are meeting, cartoonist Dorothy Bond will entertain the ladies at reception and tea, 2:30 p.m. January 26 at McCormick Place.

The Chicago Area Council now has a membership of 48,890, 133 boys over our goal of 48,757. This represents an over-all Council increase of five percent for the year, in line with the plan for the Council's long-term Years of Decision goal of 100,000 boys by 1970.

Eighteen of the Council's 25 districts exceeded their goals in this "Go" Roundup. "Much of the success of the campaign rests on the effectiveness of the Col. John Glenn campaign," said Major General Lloyd R. Moses, Roundup chairman. "However," he went on, "there were really five parts to our success." He listed them as follows: the John Glenn campaign, which made extensive use of radio and television advertising, billboards and car-cards; prompt re-registration of all units, ensuring continuity of membership of both leaders and boys; the Governor Kerner Achievement Awards Program, which helped unit leaders to upgrade their units in a number of ways; the hard work of the staff of some 500 Scout commissioners; and the dedication of all leaders to the ideal of helping more boys. To the men and women behind all these efforts, **Well Done!**

### Winning Scouters To Dine With Governor

Illinois Governor Otto Kerner will present awards to more than 500 unit leaders who scored high in the "Do Your Best for America" achievement competition. The ceremony will take place at a dinner on March 30, according to Kent W. Duncan, chairman of the event. Unit leaders and their wives who qualify for the award will receive personal invitations to the dinner.

Leaders' point totals for the awards were computed according to achievements in five

areas: prompt charter renewal, member recruitment, advancement gains, outdoor program activities and a 21-point unit inspection.

Unit leaders still have two months to score the 110 points required for the award.



Governor Kerner

### Scout Week Plans Set

Scouting's 53rd anniversary celebration during Boy Scout Week will be one of the most widely publicized programs in the Chicago Area Council, according to Douglas R. Durkin, Chairman of Boy Scout Week and a member of the Council Public Relations Committee.

Hundreds of units have already registered to participate in the program, slated for February 7 through 13. With the impact on the public of their window displays, campouts, and poster contests, as well as units' Good Turns, Scouts will have ample chance to show that they are fit and prepared.

In addition to the neighborhood displays, the radio and television stations of the area will conduct an intensive public service campaign saluting the Boy Scouts on their 53rd anniversary. According to Durkin several large displays have been scheduled, including eleven window displays at the American National Bank, LaSalle and Washington Streets, and the largest billboard on the Congress Expressway will salute the Scouts.

Units not already registered to take part in the Boy Scout Week program are urged to do so by contacting the Scout Service Center, 9 W. Washington St. Units must register before January 31 to be eligible for the many awards.

## STRENGTHEN AMERICA



**SCOUT WEEK**  
FEBRUARY 7-13, 1963  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA





District Chairman.....Theodore R. Hawes  
 District Commissioner.....Arthur R. Ray  
 District Executive.....Andrew Johnson  
 Ass't Dist. Executive.....Joseph Peoples  
 Ass't Dist. Executive.....Robert Sanders  
**DISTRICT CALENDAR**

#### January

- 16 One-Day Finance Chairman's Briefing, Sherman House.....7:00 P.M.
- 17 District Committee Meeting for all district officers, institutional representatives, and members-at-large at Washington Park Fieldhouse.....7:30 P.M.
- 18-20 District camping week-end at Camp Fort Dearborn for units with permits
- 19 Beginners and advanced beginners Scout swim class at Donnelley Youth Center.....10:30 A.M.
- 22 Cub Leaders, Scout Leaders and Explorer Leaders Roundtables, Camp Rally, and Scout Fair Sign-up booth at South Parkway Y.W.C.A., 436 E. Pershing Rd. ....7:30 P.M.
- 23 District Special Finance Membership Kickoff at Parkway Dining Room, 420 E. 45th Street.....12:15 P.M.
- 24 Mon-Da-Min Chapter, Order of the Arrow, Washington Park Fieldhouse ....7:30 P.M.
- 25 District Major Finance Membership Kickoff at Parkway Dining Room ....12:15 P.M.
- 26 Beginners and advanced beginners Scout swim class at Donnelley Youth Center.....10:30 A.M.
- 26 Council Annual Meeting, McCormick Pl., Registration .....2:00 P.M.  
 Committees .....2:45 P.M.  
 Annual meeting .....4:30 P.M.  
 Dinner .....6:30 P.M.
- 29 Cub, Scout and Explorer Leaders Basic Courses, South Parkway Y.W.C.A. ....7:30 P.M.
- 29 Special Finance Membership first report, Parkway Dining Room ..12:15 P.M.
- 31 "Scout Day" elections at South Parkway Y.W.C.A., for our February 22 "Scout Day" officials at South Center Department Store.....7:30 P.M.

#### February

- 1 District Major Finance Membership first report, Parkway Dining Rm...12:15 P.M.
- 2 Beginners and advanced beginners swim, Donnelley Center.....10:30 A.M.
- 5 Cub, Scout and Explorer Leaders second basic training session, South Parkway Y.W.C.A.....7:30 P.M.

#### ALL TIME MEMBERSHIP HIGH

On December 31, 1962, our district had 3,051 boys in 180 units, an outstanding gain over the 2697 boys in 144 units we had on December 31, 1961. Congratulations to one and all for a fine job!

#### FINANCE TIME IS NEAR

District Chairman, **Theodore R. Hawes** and Finance Chairman, **George L. Roberts** have lined up **Millard D. Robbins, Jr.**, as District Finance Membership Campaign Chairman. He has secured the following chairmen for our finance drive: **Dr. Irving W. Sims**, Major Membership Chairman; **Bernard Gregory**, Special Memberships Chairman; **William I. White**, One-Day Chairman, March 16; **Lester Morton**, Kickoff and Report Chairman; and **Walter Williams**, Audit Chairman. All are busy getting people signed up to help, so please do your best when asked to serve.



District Chairman.....Norman E. Bourne  
 District Commissioner.....Norman Reisman  
 District Executive.....William Gates  
**DISTRICT CALENDAR**

#### January

- 14 Roundtables for Cub leaders and Scout leaders, United Church of South Chicago, 91st and Exchange.....7:30 P.M.
- 15 Deadline for reregistration
- 23 District Kickoff of Special Membership Campaign, South Chicago Y.M.C.A., 91st and Houston.....7:30 P.M.
- 25 District Kickoff of Major Membership Campaign, U.S. Steel Company, 3426 E. 89th Street.....7:30 P.M.
- 26 District and Unit Officers and Representatives at Council Annual Meeting, McCormick Place...2:30 P.M. and 6:30 P.M.

#### KEEP THEM REGISTERED

Boys must depend on their leaders to be officially registered in the Boy Scouts of America. All boys whose membership cards expire on January 31 need to be reregistered on a new charter application submitted, with fees, to Chicago Area Council Service Center no later than Tuesday, January 15. This applies to all Cubs, Scouts and Explorers in units 510 and 3510, 737, 750, 3755, 3777 and 3797. If by the time you receive this bulletin you have not held a charter review meeting with your neighborhood commissioner, either call him or your district commissioner, **Norman Reisman**, HA 7-4083.

Before completing lists of boys to be registered, be sure to send out a special invitation to boys who sent letters to John Glenn, or other neighborhood boys who may want to join.

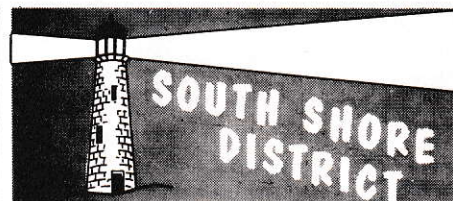
#### ANNUAL MEETING

The January 26 meeting is our one big annual recognition of Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, and Explorer leaders (and their wives) who have given so unselfishly to give our boys a year long good Scouting experience. Institutions can say "thank you" in the nicest possible way by providing prepaid tickets (\$5.50 each) to the banquet at 6:30 p.m. Usually leaders are escorted to the event by the institutional representative and lady, or by the head of the sponsoring institution. Calumet tables, fortunately, are located next to the speakers table. Call your commissioner for tickets, while there's space available. (Again this year all tables will probably be sold out well before the event. Only "money on the line," well in advance, will assure you of seeing Chicago Scouting's show of all shows for the year.)

#### ONE DAY FINANCE CAMPAIGN

Your district and Council officers are now well along with plans for the March 16 One-Day Campaign for Council funds. Chairman **Bob Bourne** is directing the kick-off of solicitations of larger memberships this month. These should be in hand by March 16, to assure success of the final One-Day conclusion.

For more detailed facts, ask any of the unit leaders and wives who were at the Fireside Chat conducted by Scout Executive **Barber** and Council President **Reid**.



District Chairman.....Clifford J. Bueschel  
 District Commissioner.....Charles G. Yarrow  
 District Executive.....Joseph W. Sedlacek  
**DISTRICT CALENDAR**

#### January

- 24 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Leader Training Starts, Woodlawn and Oak Rooms, Avalon Park, 1215 E. 83rd St. (See details below).....10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
- 31 Roundtables for Cub Scout and Boy Scout Leaders, Avalon Park (For all Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Den Mothers, their committeemen and assistants.) .....7:30 P.M.

#### SOUTH SHORE TRAINING COURSES HELD AT AVALON PARK 1215 E. 83rd STREET

**Cub Leader Training**, for all adult Cub Leaders. Starts January 24, February 14 conclusion. Every Thursday evening .....7:30 P.M.

- 1-24 **Planning Cub Scout Program**
- 2-7 **The Pack Meeting** (Men)
- The Den Meeting** (Den Mothers)
- 2-14 **Pack Management** (Men)
- Den Mother-Den Chief Relationship** (Den Mothers)

**Boy Scout Leader Training**, for all adult Boy Scout Leaders. Starts January 24, concludes February 21. Every Thursday evening.....7:30 P.M.

- 1-24 **Troop Committee** (A must for all Troop committee members)
- 2-7 **How to Train Junior Leaders**
- 2-14 **Advancement**
- 2-21 **Leadership**

**Explorer Leader Training**, for all adult Explorer Leaders (consultants and parents welcome). This a two-hour session based on 3 years of experience with the new Explorer program.....7:30 P.M.

- 2-21 **Understanding Explorers**

#### SCOUT FAIR BOOTH AT ROUNDTABLE

Arrangements have been made for a sample Scout Fair booth to be at our January Roundtable. A special camping display will be demonstrated in the booth by Troop 569. Here's a chance to see the size and shape of the booth your unit will work with.

#### "GO" ROUNDUP AWARDS

In the next issue of the COUNCILer we will list all the units and their leaders who have achieved their goals.

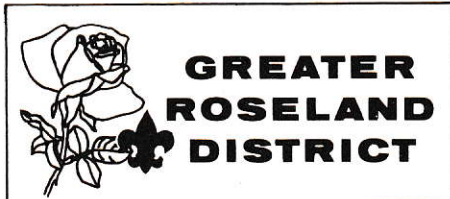
#### DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

**Carl Hunding** of Hunding Dairy has accepted the position of District Membership Chairman. At present **Carl** is building the organization which will climax its activities with the One-Day Finance Campaign on March 16.

#### NEW CAMP FILM

Our South Shore District Camping Committee Chairman **Bert Brandelle**, SA 1-3708, would like to show your Scouts and parents the new 1963 summer camp film strip, "Camping—The Heart of Scouting." You may preview it at the January Roundtable, but now is the time to call **Bert** and reserve a showing of it to your unit.





District Chairman.....John J. Mustari  
District Commissioner.....Ernest Zagotta  
District Executive.....Albert Broberg  
Ass't Dist. Executive.....John Roy

#### DISTRICT CALENDAR

##### January

- 16 District Cub, Scout and Explorer Leaders Roundtable, St. Anthony's Scout Rm., Kensington & Indiana Ave.....7:30 P.M.
- 18 District Steering Committee, Scout Rm., 551 W. 103rd Street.....8:00 P.M.
- 23 District Special Membership Kickoff
- 25 District Major Membership Kickoff
- 26 Council Annual Meeting, McCormick Place .....2:30 P.M.  
Dinner .....6:30 P.M.

#### ROUNDTABLES

As an added attraction for our January Roundtable, we will have a booth from the Scout Fair coming up in May. Many ideas may be gathered from this, and now is the time to start planning your unit's theme for this great show. Of course we will still have the usual fine material for February's Theme of the Month. Let's start the new year off right with 100% attendance.

#### FINANCE

The first two phases of our District Finance Campaign Kickoff are on the 23rd and 25th. Our Campaign Chairman, **M. R. McLary**, of Ingersoll, reports both phases are A-OK and raring to go. Don't forget that big date, March 16. That's our One-Day Campaign coordinated on WGN-TV at 8:00 a.m.

#### ANNUAL DINNER

Tickets for this gala affair have been going fast, but there is a possibility that there might be a few left. If you decide now that you want to attend, call **Al Broberg**, ST 2-3990.

#### MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR LISTS

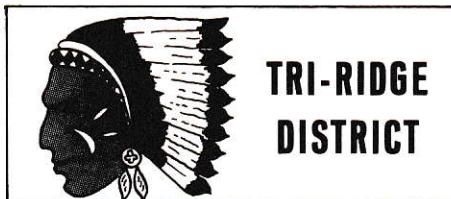
Has your unit received the new Merit Badge Counselor List? If not, contact our Advancement Chairman, **Clarence Priess** at HI 5-8233.

#### CAMPING

Reservations for summer camp are due now in the council office. Does your unit have the \$20 "hold a place" fee in? For more information, call **Frank Higgins**, BE 3-6120. Frank will be happy to attend a Parent's Camp Night at your unit, and bring a new camp film strip along to show the many advantages of attending summer camp.



Next we get you a complete uniform. Then you won't have to hide in the cellar when we have an inspection.



District Chairman.....Robert Buddig  
District Commissioner.....Trevor H. Tucker  
District Executive.....Robert McCarthy

#### DISTRICT CALENDAR

##### January

- 16 Pow Wow Committee, **Gene Skierkeiwicz's** home, 7534 S. Aberdeen 8:00 P.M.
- 19 Explorer Leader Training, **Bob McCarthy's** home, 10705 S. Prospect .....1:30 P.M.
- 23 Boy Scout Leaders Roundtable, Washington Heights Methodist Church, 104th Place and Racine.....7:45 P.M.
- 23 District Special Membership Kickoff, Illinois Bell Telephone Company, 88th and Ashland.....7:30 P.M.
- 24 District Committee Meeting, South Chicago Elks Club, 86th and Ashland .....8:00 P.M.
- 25 District Major Membership Kickoff, Illinois Bell Telephone Company.. 7:30 P.M.
- 26 Council Annual Meeting, McCormick Place .....2:30 P.M.  
Dinner .....6:30 P.M.
- 30 Cub Leaders Roundtable, Gresham Methodist Church, 87th and Emerald.....7:45 P.M.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

To Commissioners **Andy Lorenzen**, **Alex Vlachos** and **Gene Skierkeiwicz** on receiving the Arrowhead Honor Award, and to **Bernie Halper** on receiving the Scouter's Key.

To Scoutmasters **Lancelott Bell**, 352 and **Walter Pilditch**, 608 who are now guaranteed places at the Gov. Kerner Achievement dinner.

#### THANKS

To new unit organizers **Andy Foster**, 3657; **Lancelott Bell**, 2352; **Oscar Vincent**, 3629 and 5629; and **Erik Ekstrom**, 616, for the organization of these five new units during December.

#### OUR JANUARY UNITS

Due to reregister by January 15 are: **Morgan Park Baptist**, 609, 3609; **Faith United Church of Christ**, 625, 2625, 3625; **St. Sabina Catholic**, 638, 2638, 3692; **Gresham Methodist**, 641, 2641, 3641; and **St. Kilian Catholic**, 695.

#### NAMES IN THE NEWS

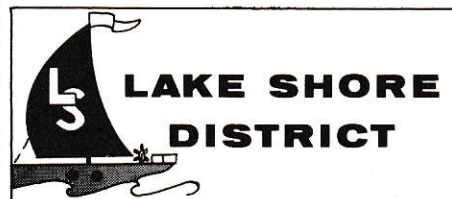
**Frank Catania**, 9795 South Winston is serving as District Health and Safety Chairman.

**Dave Jameson**, 8005 South Bishop, is new Assistant District Commissioner for Explorer Roundtables.

**Harold Dawson**, 2300 West 111th Place, is serving as an additional District Vice-Chairman as well as Auditor for the 1963 Finance Campaign.

On January 1, **Bernie Halper**, 1775 West 104th Place, became Field Commissioner for Roman Catholic institutions in Tri-Ridge District.

We are happy to welcome the Brainerd Corps of the Salvation Army among our sponsoring institutions, Troop 616.



District Chairman.....Maurice M. Glatt  
District Commissioner.....Victor Yamakawa  
District Executive.....Andrew Springs

#### DISTRICT CALENDAR

##### January

- 15 District Committee meeting, Shore Drive Motel, 56th Street and South Shore Dr. ....7:30 P.M.
- 23 Special Membership Campaign Kickoff, First Unitarian Church of Chicago, 5650 S. Woodlawn Avenue.....7:30 P.M.
- 25 District Major Membership Kick-off, First Unitarian Church .....7:30 P.M.
- 29 Explorer Cabinet Meeting, Hyde Park Methodist Church, 1451 E. 54th Street .....7:30 P.M.
- 30 District Special Membership Report Meeting, First Unitarian Church ....7:30 P.M.

##### February

- 1 First Major Membership Report Meeting

#### A DYNAMIC WELCOME

To our new Explorer post 2335, sponsored by **First Baptist Church**, Explorer Advisor **Hessie Starks**.

#### EXPLORER CABINET

Explorer Advisors and top Explorers are to be present at the first Explorer cabinet meeting of 1963. Let's start the new year off right. Here is your opportunity to plus up the Explorer program in dynamic Lake Shore District.

#### SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP

**Eugene Dibble III**, of the firm Straus, Blosser and McDowell, will give leadership to the special membership campaign. The kickoff for special memberships is January 25.

#### MAJOR MEMBERSHIP

**Charles Benson**, President of Hyde Park Savings and Loan Association, will give guidance to the major membership portion of the 1963 Finance Campaign. Under his able leadership this phase of the Finance Campaign will be a booming success.

#### KICKOFF AND REPORT CHAIRMAN

**L. E. Burgër** is the Kickoff and Report chairman. With his enthusiasm, our kickoff and report meeting will sparkle. A top-flight program is planned.

#### TRI-RIDGE (Continued)

#### MEMBERSHIP

Tri-Ridge closed 1962 serving over 2065 boys in 71 units. A sincere vote of thanks is extended to all who made this record of service possible.

By the close of 1963 our objective is to make Scouting available to over 2600 boys in 77 units. Here is an opportunity for each of us to extend the benefits of Scouting to a growing number of boys, through the institutions to which they belong.





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## AN ALERT AMERICA NEEDS SCOUTING



Buy a membership in the Boy Scouts!

## CBS TO SALUTE SCOUTING AT JANUARY 26th DINNER



### Along the Scouting Trail

By ALDEN G. BARBER

We have turned the tide! We finished 1962 with a gain of 2,166 boys and 132 units. Congratulations to the great team in each district responsible for this significant achievement.

And you did it in spite of alarming predictions that Scouting is dying out in the inner city areas of metropolitan councils and can only achieve strong growth in suburbia.

Now to our next major challenge—recruiting nearly 30,000 new volunteers for our one-day finance effort in the districts on March 16th.

Impossible? There are those who say we can't do it.

I believe in our team! Chicago's motto is "I Will"—Let's make Chicago Area Council's campaign motto "We Will."

## Council Calendar

### January

- 19 Instructor Training Course, Valley View Training Center, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- 24 Jewish Committee on Scouting, Sheraton-Chicago Hotel.....7:30 p.m.
- 26 Council Coordinated Committee Meeting, McCormick Place.....2:30 p.m.
- Ladies' Reception and Tea.....2:30 p.m.
- Council Annual Business Meeting.....5:00 p.m.
- Council Annual Dinner.....6:30 p.m.
- 28 Order of the Arrow Lodge, Peoples Gas Light and Coke Co., 122 S. Michigan Ave.....7:30 p.m.

### February

- 1 \$5.00 per boy fee due for Council Summer Camps
- 1-2 Unit Leaders' Fellowship, Valley View Training Center

Scouters are in for a treat the evening of January 26, when WBBM Radio presents its "Salute to Scouting" at the Scouters' Recognition Dinner. The dinner, held in connection with the 53rd Council Annual Meeting earlier in the day, should be a pleasant climax to a busy day of plotting the Council's future.

Featured in the "Salute to Scouting" will be WBBM vocalists **Connie Mitchell** and **Bob Vegas**, popular emcee **Mal Bellairs**, and **Norm Krone's** 15-piece orchestra. **Miss Mitchell** and **Vegas** are native Chicagoans, while **Bellairs**, born in Cheyenne, Wyoming, now lives in Wilmette, where he has been active in Cubbing for seven years, as Cubmaster and pack program chairman.



Connie Mitchell



Mal Bellairs



Bob Vegas

Speaking of the evening's program, **E. H. Shomo**, CBS Radio Vice-President and General Manager of WBBM Radio said, "We at WBBM Radio and CBS have enjoyed working with the Boy Scouts, and have always admired their achievements. Our 'Salute to Scouting' is only a token of our appreciation for the work of the dedicated men and women of Scouting."

Another feature of the evening will be the annual presentation of Silver Beaver awards to Council Scouters, "for distinguished service to Boyhood." The following Scouters will receive the award: **B. E. Bensinger**, **Angus Macdonald** and **Joseph C. Sibley, Jr.**, Executive Board Members; **Vinton W. Bacon** (on recommendation of the Mount Rainer Council, Tacoma, Washington); **Raymond J. Guse** and **Richard L. Shofke**, Lincoln Park; **Richard M. Ferguson**, Midwest; **Marcus Daly**, **Dr. Bruce Allen Eckersberg** and **Andrew Thoma**, Thunderbird; **Willis Helfrich** and **John B. Schwank** (deceased), Arrowhead; **William H. King**, Austin; **Ernest Hyman** and **Dick Van Gorp**, Indian Boundary; **Darrel D. Drolsum**, Pathfinder; **Francis C. Knautz**, Portage; **Lt. Rhennett Booker**, **William L. Howard** and **Frank J. Williams**, South Central; **Clifford J. Bueschel** and **Charles G. Yarrow**, South Shore; **Frank H. Wally**, Tri-Ridge; **John Buracas** and **E. John Sierocinski**, Marquette; **Milton N. Hook** and **Donald Muscato**, Southtown; **Fred E. Grening, Sr.** and **Carl Wilkinson**, Southwest; and **Cecil F. Meyer**, Stockyard.

The Silver Beaver awards will be presented by **Wayne A. Johnston**, chairman of the Silver Beaver Awards Committee, and **Governor Otto Kerner**.

## News Briefs

### COMMUNITY STRIPS

By action of the Council's Executive Board, the only community strip to be worn on uniforms in the Council is the Chicago Area Council community strip. Other community strips will not be available when present supplies are depleted.

### AD-MEN LEND A HAND

The Leo Burnett Co. contingent of the Council's Public Relations Task Force is handling layout and copy for the 1963 Finance Campaign, according to **Robert V. Guelich**, Campaign Public Relations chairman.

A sample of the Task Force's work appears on this page, just below our COUNCILER logotype. Theme for this year's Campaign is "An Alert America Needs Scouting—Buy a Membership in the Boy Scouts!"



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